

A marked up version of amended claim 14 expressly showing the added and the deleted material appears after the Remarks.

No new matter has been introduced by any of the claim amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marked up versions of the amended claims are as follows, wherein the added material is underlined and the deleted material is bracketed:

14. (amended) A method of inhibiting hepatitis C virus polymerase [and/or of treating or preventing an illness due hepatitis C virus, the method involving] which comprises administering to a subject in need of such inhibition an [suffering from the condition a therapeutically or prophylactically] effective amount of (A) a compound of formula (I) as defined in claim 1, a tautomer thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof, or (B) a compound of formula (I) which is derivatised at one or more of the 4-hydroxy, 5-hydroxy or 6-carboxy groups, a tautomer thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.